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1. Leipzig

During November 1951 the firm Wetzels in Leipzig produced about 40 gears for heavy tanks. These were not, as formerly, delivered at once to Rostock for the Soviet Union, but about half went to Brandenburg-Havel and the rest to Krupp Gruson at Magdeburg.

2. The works also produced drive shafts of various sizes. A large part of these went to the same places. It turns out bevel-toothed driving gears with 30-40 teeth.

3. Leipzig

The Vereinigung der Volkseigenen (VVB) Betrieb Gutzo, in Leipzig, makes reparations goods for the Soviet Union almost exclusively. Mainly, sprocket wheels for track-laying vehicles are manufactured. Production has increased one-third compared to the preceding year. During the month of October about 60 tons of products went in the direction of Rostock.

4. The plant also makes about eight tons of track pins monthly, which are forwarded to the Volkseigener Betrieb (VEB)-Betrieb-Saechsische-Stahlhaerterei in Leipzig. The pins are about 20cm. long and have a diameter of 0.5 cm.

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5. Halle

The manufacture of U-boat compressors and centrifugal pumps was commenced at the beginning of December at the Maschinenfabrik Halle. The pumps have a capacity of 400 liters per minute. The bearing metal used in the pumps comes from Bettstedt.

6. Magdeburg

The Sowjetische Aktiengesellschaft (SAG)-Betrieb Buckau-Wolff manufactured about 50 Diesel engines for special purposes during November. They were shipped to Wismar when finished. The models for these engines were not turned out in the Buckau-Wolff pattern-making shop, as is customary, but were delivered with the plans from a Rostock works.

7. The plant also built Diesel engines for People's shipyards (Volkswerften) and Soviet Union Diesel engines of between 300 and 400 HP provided with one or two auxiliary motors of 80-120 HP.
8. Entrance upon the production of high speed engines for dynamos is provided for in 1952. They appear to be modeled after a former German army engine, for which the plans originated in a BMW-Werk and bore the identification mark SA-42. Production of engine frames will be assigned to the IFA-Karosseriewerk at Halle.
9. In the foundry of the plant sprocket wheels are also produced which are forwarded in the form of blanks to the Silbawerke at Magdeburg.
10. Buckau-Wolff turned out 50-60 Diesel engines of 320 HP during December. In the same month it also delivered to Czechoslovakia 20-30 engines of 100-120 HP. For approximately two months now, single parts such as crank cases have also been delivered to Czechoslovakia. The last shipment to Czechoslovakia included cases of sprocket wheels, about 90 tons of track shoes, about 400 armor plates 80 mm. thickness and 200-250 armor plates of 40 mm.
11. Tank bodies for the Soviet Union are also produced in the works, which are shipped to Rostock or Wismar. There were 10 or 15 of these in December.

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12. Magdeburg

The Silva-Werke in Magdeburg makes armor plate of 50 mm. The plate is delivered to the works in the form of blanks and finished there. About 260-300 plates are finished monthly.

13. The firm Krupp & Gruson, Magdeburg, produces monthly 4-8 cartridge making machines, which are shipped to Rostock, addressed to a Moscow firm.

14. Halberstadt

At the Elektrizitaet-und Kraftmaschinen (EKM)-Werk on the former Junkersgelaende great efforts are being made to complete new shops. The construction of an assembly line for the production of tractor engines is planned. The work is directed by specialists from Buckau-Wolff and Nordhausen. Production is temporarily brought to a standstill because delivery of some material (probably from west Germany) is lacking.

15. Altenburg-Thuringen

In a recently issued operations report of the Deutsche Handelszentrale (DBZ) Steine und Erden (Altenburg, Hausweg 25) it was announced that the delivery warehouse had operated in the last quarter at a loss of 1,000 DM-GST. Receipts were 12,000 DM, but losses amounted to 13,000 DM.

16. Meuselwitz

The Meuselwitzer Schwenmmaschinenfabrik WMW has recently set up a new model shop and enlarged its foundry. Two new shops have also been built. The establishment employs 2,700-3,000 hands. About 1,000 new hands have been taken on since May, 1951. The technical bureau and the mining division of this organization have been recently united in Leipzig.

17. The works produce slotting machines for the Soviet Union, which are transported to Rostock, turret lathes, planing lathes, sprocket wheels of various sizes up to 0.75 meter diameter. Ninety percent of the output goes as reparations. Each month about fifty 20-ton cars are loaded with three cases of machinery apiece and dispatches from the Meuselwitz railway station.

18. The Maschinenfabrik Meuselwitz in December produced about ten large lathes, part of which were delivered to the Soviet Union and part to Czechoslovakia. The lathes are 4.5 meters long. In addition, the works made component parts for Leipzig works; among others, gears for a machine

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for driving mine galleries (called a "mole" by the workmen). The firm SAG-Bleichart in Leipzig mounts these machines and delivers them to the Soviet Union.

19. Mining machinery chiefly is produced as reparations.

20. Leipzig

The Sowjetische Aktiengesellschaft (SAG)-Betrieb Bleichart, in Leipzig, makes cranes, which are mounted on new trucks in the works. All the cranes made here are delivered to the Soviet Union. About 50-70 were produced in November, 1951.

21. Nordhausen

The Vereinigung der Volkseigenen (VVB)-Abus, Motorenwerk Nordhausen, must manufacture a special type of engine by June, 1952. Preparations for the assembly-line are already under way.

22. Various works in Thuringia make so-called starting wires, which are shipped to the Soviet Union; 10,000 at a time. Production of this wire began in 1947. The loading point is at Zeitz, in the VVB-Betrieb Holz, formerly Opel; the works during the war made airplane wings and other parts for airplanes. Allegedly these objects are made from stocks of the former German Army, but actually they are newly built. About 200,000 starting wires have been delivered to the Soviet Union since 1945.

Enclosure: Sketch of a starting wire, 1 page

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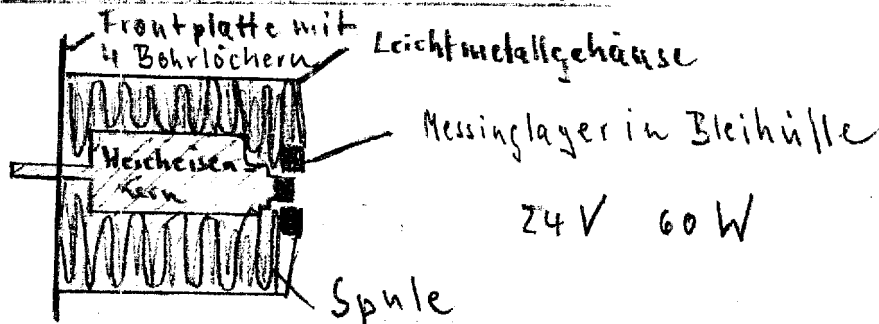
Frontplatte mit 4 Bohrlochern	- Front plate with 4 bore-holes
Leichtmetallgehäuse	- Light metal casing
Messinglager in Bleih	- Brass block in lead casing
Weicheisenkern	- Magnetic core
Spule	- Coil

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